

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2007. Claims 1-13 are pending.

Claims 1, 7 and 11 stand rejected under Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Saito. This Section 103(a) rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 7 and 11 require that *a group of the other wirings of the second wiring layer is not electrically connected to any wiring layer thereunder, whereas said one (or a predetermined one) of the other wirings of the second wiring layer is electrically connected to the first wiring layer which is provided thereunder*. For example and without limitation, Fig. 6 of the instant application illustrates that a group (see the two left-most wirings 12 in Fig. 6) of the other wirings 12 of the second wiring layer is not electrically connected to any wiring layer 17 thereunder, whereas said one (see the right-most wiring 12 in Fig. 6) of the other wirings of the second wiring layer is electrically connected to the first wiring layer 17 which is provided thereunder. The cited art fails to disclose or suggest this subject matter.

Saito fails to disclose or suggest the above feature of claims 1, 7 and 11. In particular, Figs. 1 and 60 of Saito fail to disclose or suggest that some of the other wirings of the second wiring layer 13L are electrically connected to a wiring layer thereunder, but at least another wiring of the other wirings is connected to a wiring layer thereunder. Figs. 1 and 60 of Saito teach directly away from this because all wirings of layer 13L appear to be connected to at least wiring layer provided thereunder. Teaching away by a reference is evidence of nonobviousness.

It is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance.

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